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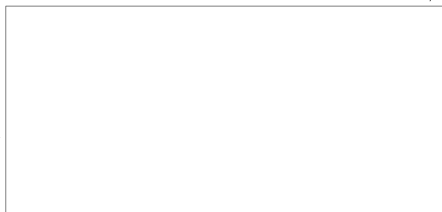
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Oil Deposits Near Balchik and Shabla, Balchik Okoliya

1. In early 1953, [redacted] rumors from the local populace in Varna to the effect that oil deposits had been recently discovered near Balchik and Shabla which were to be exploited in the near future under the supervision of the Russians. 25X1
2. Toder KHRISTOV, director of the Varna high school, announced, during a lecture on political education, that oil deposits had been discovered near Balchik and Shabla which would bring large profits to the national economy and speed up the growth of socialism.
3. An order was received, by the village council of Dobrotich, Prevadiya Okoliya, directing the council to select Communists or other reliable persons to be sent to work in the oil fields. [redacted] similar orders had been sent to all village councils throughout the country. Although actual exploitation of the oil deposits had not started, preparatory investigations were being conducted under the supervision of a Soviet geological group which was located on Slivnitsa Boulevard in Varna. 25X1

New Manganese Mine Near Ignatievo (N 4315 E 2747), Varna Okoliya

4. During November 1953 exploitation of a new manganese mine, located on the hills around Ignatievo, was started.
5. [redacted] the village of Topolite (N 4312 E 2751), Varna observed large amounts of manganese ore stored in the railroad station. [redacted] large and rich ore deposits containing 75 percent manganese had been found and that a railroad spur line had been planned from the main railroad line at Topolite to the mine. The ore [redacted] was shiny and dark gray in color. 25X1
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